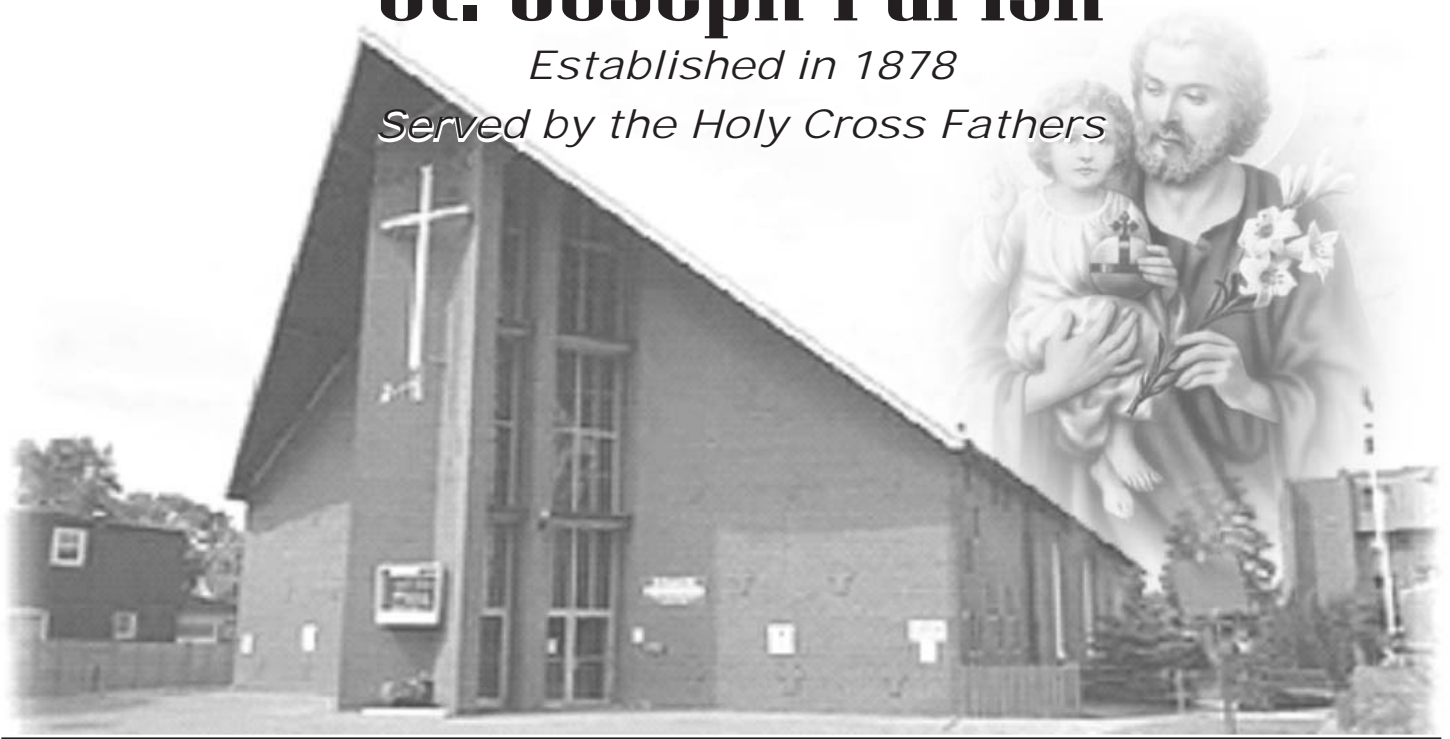


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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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*If you feel called to
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Principal: Eoghan Morishita-Miki
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MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:

Please contact the office to begin the process of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

Ministry to and Anointing of the Sick:

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

New members please register at the office.

Hall Rental: Please contact **Margaret MacDonald**
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 04, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk:



THE FORGIVING HEART

Forgiveness is hard. Even when you think you've forgiven, something can happen, resulting in another flood of emotions. This to me is God's kindness as He reveals another level of forgiveness that needs to happen. The Bible says, "So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from it flows the wellspring of life," (Proverbs 4:23). We go through the motions of life, trying to keep our heads above water in our various relationships. But with people there is always the potential for something to go wrong, resulting in hurt and pain.

Hurt sets in motion a series of stages. We often have to process shock, anger, pain. A lot of us stop at anger or denial. We would rather ignore and not deal with the issue because it's too painful. When this happens, unforgiveness sets in and affects the state of our hearts; bitterness can take root hardening the heart and blocking the spring of life.

One way to keep our hearts in the way Proverbs talks about is to practise the discipline of forgiveness...even when it's painful. As Christ-followers we are asked to forgive others because Jesus forgave us. He cried out to the Father asking Him to forgive us because we do not know what we do. God responded by offering us forgiveness when we give our hearts and lives to Jesus, accepting His sacrifice for our sins. This action is a standard for how we are to live our lives—as imitators of Christ. Healing is the result of choosing to forgive. God has given us the ability to forgive, it's a choice we have to make—and when we do, He comes in and does a great healing in our hearts.

Forgiveness does not always mean trust. We forgive because Jesus asks us too. We forgive because we love. We forgive because we do not want hardness of heart. When our hearts are hard or dull, we see and hear differently or incompletely. We need to see God in His full beauty, we need to hear His voice, we need to have tender hearts so we are moved to compassion for the one who needs to feel and know God's love. We need our hearts fully alive so we can dream the dreams of Heaven and help fulfil God's plan on earth.

If you are having a hard time forgiving someone, simply ask God to help you. He will. Your desire to forgive will move His heart, and He will guide you in this. God Bless.

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

Making a charitable Bequest:

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church. Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

Feb 05 Memorial: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Feb 06: Memorial: St. Paul Miki & Companion, Martyrs

Feb 08: memorial : St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Feb 10: Memorial: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Feb.11: World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day

Feb.14: Ash Wednesday

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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo



Sunday, February 11, 2024

3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis

Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. **Registration:**

www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org | 416-934-3400 ext. 523

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For February 2024:

For the Terminally Ill:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY:

The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 am mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



CHILDRENS' LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS



Confirmation Input Sessions: All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Next session is on February 4, 11, 25, March 03 & April 7, 2024.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



St. Joseph Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On February 11, 2024

After the Sunday 10.00 am Mass

At St. Joseph Parish Hall. Ticket \$ 10.00

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 04:

10:00 am : **Thanksgiving & Special intentions**

Req. Michelle Milligan

† **Agostino & Idalina Oliveira & All Souls in Purgatory**

Req. Maria Carmo Oliveira

Monday, February 05: NO MASS

Tuesday, February 06

9:00 am : **Healing Intentions for Sam**

Jacobo, Elnora Pascua & Jose Aragon

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Wednesday, February 07

7:00 pm :

Req.

Thursday, February 08

9:00 am :

Req.

Friday, February 09

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, February 10

5:00 pm : **For the Intentions of**

St. Joseph Parish Community

† **Gery Arruda**

Req. Family

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